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CURLING LEAVES CANDLEWICK BABY BLANKET



Depending on your choice of yarn, this blanket can be worked thick and warm for winter or delicate and lacy for a summer evening. Finish length and width are fully customisable.

Materials: Can be worked with any yarn and an appropriate sized hook. Quantities vary. As a guideline, a 20x20" (50x50cm) pram blanket in Aran/worsted weight) yarn will take approximately 500m.

This pattern is written in UK terms. Below are the US equivalents where applicable.

UK abbreviation	UK term	US abbreviation	US term
blo	back loop(s) only		
ch	chain		
dc	double crochet	sc	single crochet
lp(s)	loop(s)		
picot	3ch, 1dc into 3rd ch from hook		
rep	repeat		
ss	slip stitch	sl st	slip stitch
st(s)	stitch(es)		
tr	treble	dc	double crochet
yrh	yarn round hook	yo	yarn over

Use the written instructions in conjunction with the picture tutorial, until you are familiar with the stitches.

You are advised to practice, making a swatch with around 8 leaves and following the picture tutorial, before beginning the blanket.

Written Instructions:

Row 1. *4ch, 1tr into 4th ch from hook, 3tr into same place leaving last lp of each tr on the hook - 4 lps on hook, (yrh, draw through 2 lps) 3 times - 1 lp on hook - 1 leaf made, rep from * until desired width of blanket, turn so that the back of the leaves are facing towards you - to help you keep the size of the blanket correct, make a note of how many leaves you have made.

Row 2. *1dc into each of the 2sts (on the upward rise of the leaf), 2dc into the space below the sideways tr (on the downward slope of the leaf), 1dc into the open hole, repeat from * across leaves, turn, using BLO ss forward 2sts along the dc to the centre of the leaf.

Row 3. Continuing behind existing rows, *4ch, 1tr into 4th ch from hook, 3tr into same place leaving last lp of each tr on the hook - 4 lps on hook, insert hook through 2 back lps (below the dc) near the join between the current leaf and the next leaf, yrh and draw through both lps to attach, yrh, draw through 3 lps, (yrh, draw through 2 lps) twice - 1 lp on hook (**see note below**), insert hook through 2 back lps (below the dc) at the top of the next leaf, yrh and draw through all lps to attach, repeat from * across leaves ending with a join to the centre top of the final leaf, turn - you will now have one less leaf than you began with in row 1.

Note: You may, if you find it easier to work, reduce the 4 lps to 1 lp by working (yrh, draw through 2 lps) twice - 3 lps on hook, yrh, draw through 3 lps - 1 lp on hook. You may do this throughout the pattern without it affecting the finished result.

Row 4. *1dc into each of the 2sts (on the upward rise of the leaf), 2dc into the space below the sideways tr (on the downward slope of the leaf), 1dc into the open hole, repeat from * across leaves stopping at the end of the final leaf, turn.

Row 5. 6ch, 1tr into 4th ch from hook (2 chains unworked), 3tr into same place leaving last lp of each tr on the hook - 4 lps on hook, insert hook into the 2nd of the unworked chains (i.e. the chain furthest from the hook), yrh and draw through loop to attach, yrh, draw through 3 lps, (yrh, draw through 2 lps) twice - 1 lp on hook, insert hook through 2 back lps (below the dc) at the top of the next leaf, yrh and draw through all lps to attach, **continue as for row 3** across leaves ending with a join to the centre top of the final leaf, begin working another leaf until 4 lps on hook, insert hook into tip of final leaf, yrh and draw through lps to attach, yrh, draw through 3 lps, (yrh, draw through 2 lps) twice - 1 lp on hook, turn - you will now have the same number of leaves as you began with in row 1 and the beginning of the first leaf, and the end of the final leaf, will overlap the edge of the blanket.

Repeat rows 2 to 5 until blanket is desired length. Ending on row 5, do not turn but proceed to border.

Border

For the border, you should space the stitches as evenly as possible working dc on the upward rise of the leaf, picot at the top and dc on the downward slope, as directed, regardless of which side of the leaf is outermost:

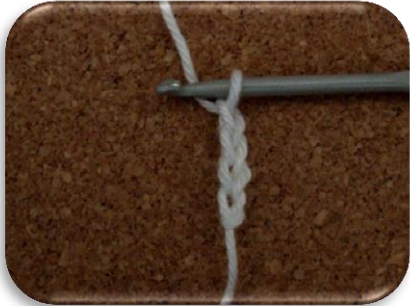
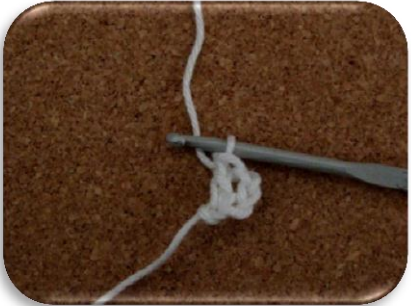
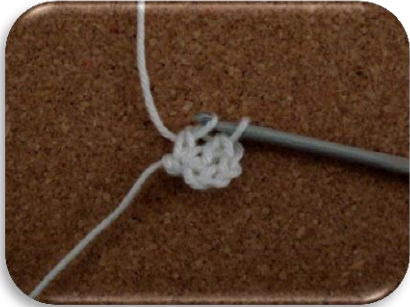
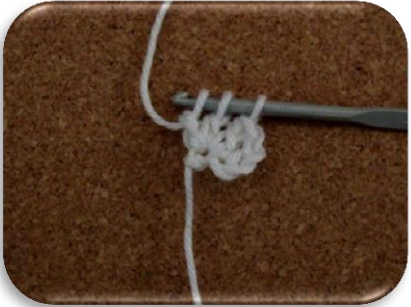
Row 1. Continuing from end of row 5, 1 picot in current position, 3dc evenly on downward slope of corner leaf, (3dc, 1 picot, 3dc) around each leaf across, (3dc, 1picot, 3dc) into corner leaf, (3dc, 1 picot, 3dc) into each of the row 5 overlapping leaves along the edge, (3dc, 1picot, 3dc) into corner leaf, (3dc, 1 picot, 3dc) into each leaf edge along the bottom of the blanket, (3dc, 1picot, 3dc) into corner leaf, (3dc, 1 picot, 3dc) into each of the row 5 overlapping leaves along the edge, 3dc on upward slope of the corner leaf you began with, ss into base of initial picot. Fasten off and neaten ends. **Note:** If edging with a different yarn, you may achieve better results using 4dc throughout.

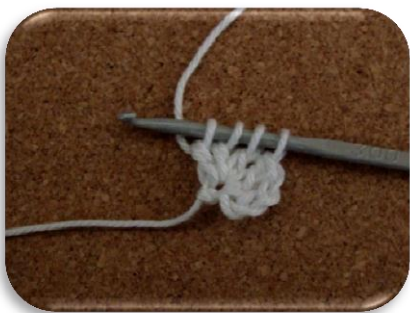
Picture tutorial

Step by step guide to accompany written instructions

Read from left to right and top to bottom.

The instructions in bold relate directly to the pattern.

	
Row 1. *4ch,	1tr into same 4th ch from hook,
	
3tr into same place leaving last lp of each tr on the hook Begin working first treble, omitting the last step and leaving last loop on hook. 2 loops on hook.	Begin working 2nd treble, omitting the last step and leaving last loop on hook. 3 loops on hook.



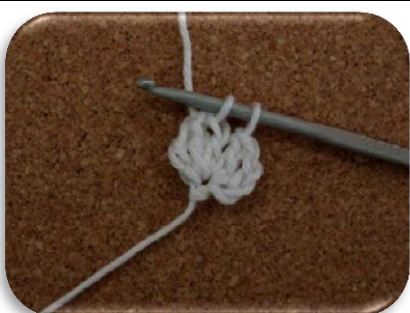
Begin working 3rd treble, omitting the last step and leaving last loop on hook.

4 lps on hook,



(yrh, draw through 2 lps)

3 lps on hook after 1 repeat



(yrh, draw through 2 lps)

2 lps on hook after 2 repeats.



(yrh, draw through 2 lps)

1 loop on hook after 3 repeats.

1 leaf made,



rep from * until desired width of blanket,



Turn so that the back of the leaves are facing towards you.



Row 2. *1dc into each of the 2sts (on the upward rise of the leaf),

The first dc will be in the tip of the leaf where the stitches combine and may have a slightly larger opening than the second stitch.



2dc into the space below the sideways tr (on the downward slope of the leaf),

The sideways treble is created by the 4ch when first making the leaf.



1dc into the open hole,

The open hole is the chain in which the 3 trebles and 3 partial trebles were worked (i.e. the start of the leaf).

rep from * across leaves,

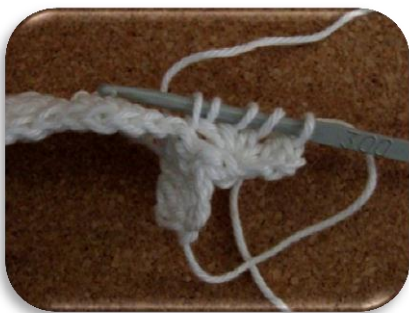
turn,

Using BLO ss forward 2sts along the dc to the centre of the leaf.



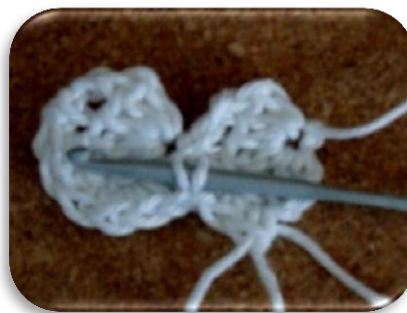
**Row 3. Continuing behind existing rows,
*4ch, 1tr into same 4th ch from hook,**

3tr into same place leaving last lp of each tr on the hook - 4 lps on hook,



Insert hook through 2 back lps (below the dc) near the join between the current leaf and the next leaf, yrh and draw through both lps to attach,

The exact loops you use are not crucial to the pattern but you should aim to be consistent with each leaf attachment.



As a guide, you should find a loop towards the tip of one leaf and a second loop towards the base of the next leaf.

The loops indicated by the hook are an appropriate choice of loops.
Image shows leaves flipped towards you and inverted for a clearer view.



yrh, draw through 3 lps,

3 lps on hook



(yrh, draw through 2 lps) twice

1 lp on hook,



Insert hook through 2 back lps (below the dc) at the top of the next leaf, yrh and draw through all lps to attach,

As before, the exact loops you use are not crucial to the pattern but you should aim to be consistent with each leaf attachment.

You may find it easier to locate and use the loops if you curl the top of the leaf towards you slightly.



The loops indicated by the hook are an appropriate choice of loops.
Image shows leaves flipped towards you and inverted for a clearer view.



Repeat from * across leaves ending with a join to the centre top of the final leaf,



turn.

Row 4. *1dc into each of the 2sts (on the upward rise of the leaf), 2dc into the space below the sideways tr (on the downward slope of the leaf), 1dc into the open hole,

Repeat from * across leaves stopping at the end of the final leaf, turn.



Row 5. 6ch,



1tr into same 4th ch from hook (2 chains unworked),

3tr into same place leaving last lp of each tr on the hook - 4 lps on hook,



Insert hook into the 2nd of the unworked chains (i.e. the chain furthest from the hook),

yrh and draw through loop to attach,



yrh, draw through 3 lps,

(yrh, draw through 2 lps) twice

1 lp on hook,



**Insert hook through 2 back lps (below the dc)
at the top of the next leaf,
yrh and draw through all lps to attach,**



**Continue as for row 3 across leaves ending
with a join to the centre top of the final leaf,**



**Begin working another leaf until 4 lps on
hook,**



**Insert hook into tip of final leaf,
yrh and draw through lps to attach,**



**yrh, draw through 3 lps,
(yrh, draw through 2 lps) twice
1 lp on hook,
turn**

**Note: The beginning of the first leaf and the end of the final leaf will overlap the edge of the blanket
at the end of this row.**

**Repeat rows 2 to 5 until blanket is desired length. Ending with row 5, do not turn but proceed
to border.**